

**TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012**

ATTENDANCE: 1st Selectman Jayme Stevenson; David Bayne;
David Campbell; John Lundeen

STAFF: Karl Kilduff, Administrative Officer

OTHER: Martha Rhein; Marguerite Morgan; Nick Howe;
Brad Magnuson, Youth Asset Team

CALL TO ORDER

1st Selectman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

REPORT FROM YOUTH ASSET TEAM

Ms. Martha Rhein presented information and survey results from the Youth Asset Team. She explained that the results provided were from a survey that was taken in November 2011 by DHS students in grades 7-12. The first set of numbers indicates results from 2008. The second set of numbers indicates results from 2011. The survey is valid and reliable. A greater number of students participated in 2011. She stressed the importance of the information related to the power to protect and the power to promote. She then spoke of the 5 Risky Behaviors which include alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, school truancy, and eating disorders. She went on to describe more graph and statistical information related to assets and the provided report.

Ms. Marguerite Morgan, DHS Senior, Mr. Nick Howe, DHS Junior, and Mr. Brad Magnuson, DHS Sophomore, described how they speak to the 5th grade students as they prepare to transition to middle school. They spoke of the caring school environment as an important asset. They mentioned that Mr. Barry Halpin, a Rehab Center Director, speaks to the 6th grade students as part of their health initiative. The Youth Asset Team website will be a link on the Darien High School website. Next year, the team will introduce a Jr/Sr panel who will speak to students about their college experiences. The last asset they spoke about was Positive Family Communication, in which they speak to parents of elementary and middle school students about being role models for their children and other students. The team's wish is to have town government use the Youth Asset Team as a resource. More discussion took place among the team and the Selectmen.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

- 1st Selectman Stevenson said she, Marc McEwan and CL&P representatives met to review the Emergency Preparedness protocols. While CL&P has always been at the ready in the past during an emergency situation, the Emergency Operations Center will be initiated in the Darien Police Department, converted into an emergency center when needed, and then activated. She said she is working with Mr. McEwan and the Police Department on the new software for 1st line responders. There will also be a Public Information Officer to assist the community with information.
- 1st Selectman Stevenson said the recent Memorial Day parade was a huge success. She congratulated the Monuments and Ceremonies Committee for the excellent job they did. She mentioned that there is a need for volunteers to join the committee to work from January through June to put the parade together. She asked if anyone is interested, especially volunteers from the YMCA, the Boys and Girls Club, and Post 53, to please contact her.
- 1st Selectman Stevenson said she has spent a good deal of time fielding questions and concerns from neighbors of the Allen O'Neill and Weed Beach projects. She said some of the concerns are challenging, but they are working to improve communications. She said that the Allen O'Neill neighbors and the developers are close to a resolution, as are the neighbors of the Weed Beach project. She commended the Weed Beach Building Committee for the excellent job they did and said the recent grand opening of the beach went well.
- 1st Selectman Stevenson said they still need one more person on the Communications Committee, preferably someone with website design experience and/or social media experience.
- 1st Selectman Stevenson said she had an opportunity to present to the Law and Government classes at Darien High School. She said the 2nd semester seniors were extremely interested.
- 1st Selectman Stevenson explained that they are in the early stages of creating two study groups; one for the parking situation in town and one for the affordable housing plan.
- 1st Selectman Stevenson reported that the town recently held a successful hazardous waste collection day, with over 550 cars coming in.
- 1st Selectman Stevenson spoke of the Hoyt Street sidewalk issue and said she hopes that 1st Selectman Mallozzi from New Canaan will be able to attend the next Board of Selectmen meeting.
- 1st Selectman Stevenson said she is aware that the Edgerton Street plans are being presented to the Planning and Zoning Committee meeting tomorrow evening, and said she wasn't concerned that the plan had not been weighed in yet with the Board of Selectmen.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilduff reported that the approval of the Town Hall Union contract was ratified by the Local last week and passed with a 25-1 vote. He explained that the contract was fair, in line with some of the benchmarks from other communities, and in line with similar contracts that they have settled recently. It will result in a \$7,600 cost savings to the town.

Mr. Kilduff said he is looking forward to receiving the goals feedback from the Selectmen.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Discuss and Take Action on EMS Committee Charge

1st Selectman Stevenson said she will have the phrase "not less than quarterly" replace the phrase "not less than annually" in the Advisory EMS Review Committee Charge for point #4.

**** MR. LUNDEEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ADVISORY EMS REVIEW COMMITTEE CHARGE AS PROVIDED AND AMENDED.**

**** MR. BAYNE SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b) Discuss and Take Action on Consideration of Town Hall Employee Union Successor Contract and Refer Same to the Board of Finance and Representative Town Meeting

**** MR. CAMPBELL MOVED TO APPROVE THAT THE DARIEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN HEREBY APPROVES THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF DARIEN AND THE UNITED PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES UNION REPRESENTING TOWN HALL EMPLOYEES WITH REFERRAL OF THE SAME TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE FOR A REPORT AND REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING, AS THE DARIEN LEGISLATIVE BODY, FOR FINAL ACTION.**

**** MR. BAYNE SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

c) Transfers

RESOLVED:

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

From:

<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10402144-81002	Salary PT	\$ 3,120
	TOTAL	\$ 3,120

To:

<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10402144-81003	Seasonal and Temp	\$ 3,120
	TOTAL	\$ 3,120

**** MR. CAMPBELL MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$3,120 FROM THE SALARY PT ACCOUNT TO THE SEASONAL AND TEMP ACCOUNT.**

**** MR. LUNDEEN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

AGENDA REVIEW

1st Selectman Stevenson said the Edgerton Street housing proposal will be on the next meeting agenda. She said that the Hoyt Street sidewalk issue will also be on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Regular Meeting of May 21, 2012

The changes to the minutes of the regular meeting of May 21, 2012 are as follows:

On page 1, under Report from DOT regarding Hoyt Street Sidewalks, the 1st paragraph should read as follows:

Mr. Robert Steeger, Department of Public Works presented proposed schematic plans for two proposals and highlighted the details as follows:

- 1) Five ft. sidewalks: Cost \$1 million (Darien portion = \$640,000)
- 2) Road Widening Option: Cost \$540,000 (Darien portion = \$390,000) (Note there was no written report of the proposed details provided, but questions were addressed.)

3rd paragraph, after the first sentence, add the following: “He noted that the cost estimates are rough and are most likely high.”

3rd paragraph, the new 3rd sentence should read: “He compared the difference in relocation of utility poles and tree removals and explained that the sidewalk proposal would require more right of way and slope rights,”

On page 2, 2nd paragraph, add the following to the end of the first sentence: “and 1st Selectman Stevenson indicated that Mr. Lundeen would be included in the meeting.”

The 3rd paragraph should read as follows: “Mr. Bayne asked about potential grant funding. 1st Selectman Stevenson replied that there is a federal grant that could be used for 2% of the costs.”

The 5th paragraph should read as follows: “Mr. Bayne stated that as in similar projects, pedestrian/transportation surveys must exist to compare safety issues presented by a sidewalk vs. widening the road’s shoulder. He added that the number of residents walking on Hoyt Street may be less relevant than the number of residents who would walk there to the train if they thought it was safe to do so.”

The last paragraph should read as follows: “The Sewer Commission is preoccupied with the contract renegotiations with the WPCA Stamford waste water treatment of Darien water and no meaningful discussion have taken place in the last year. He added that change in management with the WPCA and financial management have presented different strategies in negotiations, where Stamford is requesting as much money from Darien as possible rather than a revenue-sharing approach. He stated that they are now waiting for Attorney McCabe and Attorney Fox to meet. In the meantime, Darien will continue to pay that it thinks is fair.”

On page 3, 1st paragraph, the 2nd and 3rd sentences should read as follows: “He stated that it is hard to do more proactive maintenance without getting into the sewer reserve fund. The Sewer Commission will look at the projected 14% increase in sewer fees in August, prior to October billing.”

On page 4, 1st paragraph, the first three sentences should read as follows: “Mr. Bayne asked about the public hearing set for an application by DPW to P&Z for a special permit to allow rock crushing at the dump. He stated that he believed this application should have been brought to the Selectmen’s attention before review by Planning and Zoning. Mr. Campbell noted that the process is vetted through Public Works, then to Planning & Zoning to notify residents that a public hearing is scheduled and they have an opportunity to speak.

2nd paragraph, under PUBLIC COMMENT, change “Furman” to “Firmin”.

3rd paragraph, eliminate Public Comments – continued.

4th paragraph, 1st sentence, change “Furman” to “Firmin”.

4th paragraph, the 2nd sentence should read: “He stated that as a citizen he has more flexibility than Town officials and he did some research to obtain a rough estimate for comparison against the DOT numbers.”

5th paragraph, change “Mr. Furman’s” to “Mr. Firmin’s”.

On page 5, 3rd paragraph, remove “Public Comments – continued”.

The 4th paragraph should read as follows: “Ms. Schultz stated that she also is in agreement with the comment made that the numbers of people wanting to walk are far greater than those that currently walk on Hoyt Street and that counting current pedestrians is not sufficient to determine the number of residents that are affected. Surveying residents along the road does not take into consideration the pedestrians and commuters who have stopped walking along this street because it is just too dangerous. She presented a time line for action on the proposals to the board members and asked for consideration.”

On page 6, 2nd paragraph, the last sentence should read: “It was suggested that a member of Post 553 should be included, and if so, there should be five members so that a tie situation would be avoided.”

On page 7, 4th paragraph, 1st sentence, delete the word “not”.

4th paragraph, the 3rd sentence should read: “Mr. Bayne stated that there is a contingency fund already built into the project and such expense should follow the project rather than be paid for through the Board of Finance’s Infrastructure Reserve Fund.”

**** MR. BAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 21, 2012 AS AMENDED.**

**** MR. LUNDEEN SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Special Meeting of May 22, 2012

The correction to the Special Meeting of May 22, 2012 is as follows:

On page 1, under GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP, 2nd paragraph, 1st sentence, change “out” to “our”.

**** MR. BAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 22, 2012 AS AMENDED.**

**** MR. CAMPBELL SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

June 4, 2012	Board of Selectmen regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m.
June 5, 2012	Planning & Zoning Commission Planning Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
June 12, 2012	Board of Education Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
June 12, 2012	Planning & Zoning Commission General Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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June 18, 2012

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS (Any items added to the agenda require a two-thirds vote.)

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. LUNDEEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

**** MR. CAMPBELL SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marr
Telesco Secretarial Services